

Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims will replace the prior version, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1: (canceled)

Claim 2 : (canceled)

Claim 3 (currently amended): ~~The method of claim 1 wherein said hydrolyzing enzyme is immobilized lipase.~~ A method of preparing a policosanol composition containing 70% to 95% of C₂₄-C₃₆ alkanols comprising 75% to 90% w/w of 1-octacosanol, and 5% to 15% w/w of a mixture of other C₂₄-C₃₆ alkanols comprising 1-tetracosanol, 1-hexacosanol, 1-heptacosanol, 1-triacontanol, and 1-tetratriacontanol, from sugarcane wax, beeswax, or rice bran, using the following steps:

(a) mixing the policosanol containing starting material with immobilized lipase enzyme; and

(b) extracting the mixture in (a) with supercritical carbon dioxide.

Claims 4 -16 : (canceled)